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PATENT  
Case No.: 970/045

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Robert D. Brand ) Art Unit: 3201  
Serial No.: Unknown ) Examiner: W. Donald Bray  
Filed: Herewith )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS )  
FOR RETAINING A FLITCH )  
FOR CUTTING )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

*Entered by  
amc/H.A.*

Preliminary to the examination of this application, please cancel claims 1-13 and 19-33.  
Please amend claims 14 and 15 as follows.